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Amendments to the Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). A rotatable body for printing machines, the rotatable body comprising:

a circumferential surface provided with a surface structure and formed of a nonmetallic material, said circumferential surface carrying a liquid and being a roller selected from the group of rollers consisting of a slip roller and a vibrator ductor roller.

Claim 2 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing

machine according to claim 10, wherein said roller serves for carrying one of ink and emulsion.

Claim 3 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing

machine according to claim 10, wherein, during printing, said

roller is in permanent engagement with two other rollers.

Claim 4 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing

machine according to claim 10, wherein the surface structure

is a groove running helically in the circumferential surface.

Claim 5 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing machine according to claim 4, wherein the nonmetallic material

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is selected from the group of materials consisting of hard rubber and hard plastic material.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing machine according to claim 10, wherein the surface structure is made up of a multiplicity of dimples formed in the circumferential surface.

Claim 7 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing machine according to claim 10, wherein the surface structure is formed of slats.

Claim 8 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing machine according to claim 7, wherein an arithmetical average height of the surface structure, determined by the slats, is at least 12 microns.

Claim 9 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing machine according to claim 6, wherein the nonmetallic material is selected from the group of materials consisting of soft rubber and soft plastic material.

Claim 10 (currently amended). A printing machine comprising at least one roller with a circumferential surface provided with a surface structure and formed of a nonmetallic material,

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said circumferential surface carrying a liquid, and said roller being selected from the group of rollers consisting of a slip roller and a vibrator ductor roller.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said circumferential surface carries a viscid liquid.

Claim 12 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said circumferential surface carries an offset printing ink.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The rotatable body printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said circumferential surface carries a printing-ink emulsion.

Claim 14 (currently amended). The rotatable-body printing machine according to claim 10, wherein said circumferential surface carries a dampening-solution emulsion.

Claim 15 (currently amended). A rotatable body for printing machines having rollers, the rotatable body comprising:

a circumferential surface provided with a surface structure and formed of a nonmetallic material, said circumferential

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surface carrying a liquid and being a roller selected from the group of rollers consisting of:

a slip roller; and

a vibrator ductor roller for periodically contacting at least one other roller of the rollers.

Claim 16 (currently amended). A printing machine comprising rollers including at least one roller with a circumferential surface provided with a surface structure and formed of a nonmetallic material, said circumferential surface carrying a liquid, and said roller being selected from the group of rollers consisting of:

a slip roller; and

a vibrator <u>ductor</u> roller for periodically contacting another roller of the rollers.

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